(b) Does not arise.

(c) For development and productive use of wastelands/degraded lands, the Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development is implementing three major area development programmes namely Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) on watershed basis. Under these programmes, watershed projects have been sanctioned to cover 16.35 m.ha. of wastelands/degraded lands up to 31st March, 2003.

Distribution of Government wasteland, ceiling surplus land and Bhoodan land has been one of the key strategies of land reforms in the country. Since land is a State subject, this Ministry plays a coordinating and advisory role in this regard and organizes Conferences of Chief Ministers, Revenue Ministers and Revenue Secretaries to monitor the progress from time to time. So far, an area of 147.47 lakh acres of Government wasteland, 21.75 lakh acres of Bhoodan land and 53.94 lakh acres of ceiling surplus land have been distributed to landless rural poor in the country.

Golden Jubilee Rural Self-employment Scheme

†1147. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Golden Jubilee Rural Self-employment Scheme was commissioned in April, 1999.

(b) if so, the target set for creating additional employment opportunities under this scheme;

(c) the amount of funds allocated every year for the purpose; and

(d) since the beginning of this scheme to March, 2003, what was the assessment of target achievement regarding creation of employment every year and the amount allocated each year for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) has been launched as

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

an integrated programme for self-employment of the rural poor with effect from 1.4.1999.

(b) No targets for creating additional employment opportunities are fixed under SGSY.

(c) and (d) year-wise central allocation of funds of District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) under SGSY and beneficiaries assisted is as under:

Year	Allocation (Rs. in crores)	Beneficiaries assisted
1999-2000	1105.00	9,33,868
2000-2001	1000.00	10,06,152
2001-2002	581.50	9,37,462
2002-2003	567.90	8,20,677
2003-2004	800.00	27,957

Funds for completion of project

1148. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 9000 projects in the cash-strapped State of Orissa are lying half-way on account of paucity of funds;

(b) whether for want of funds, the State is finding it difficult to go ahead with the construction and this is adding further to the list of half completed projects; and

(c) if so, the assistance rendered by the Centre to help the State to complete all the on-going projects to boost the economy of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) No, Sir. The projects approved by the Ministry of Rural Development under the Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), the Desert Development Programme (DDP), the Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP), the Special Projects under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Total Sanitation Compaign (TSC) are mostly being implemented as per the project schedule.